

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, August 26, 2019 at the Duck Creek Center – Public Works Department, 2198 Glendale Avenue, Green Bay, WI

Present: Chair Norb Dantine, Supervisor Deslauriers, Supervisor Tran, Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Kaster, Citizen Member Stan Kaczmarek
Also Present: County Conservationist Mike Mushinski, Director of Administration Chad Weininger, Deputy Executive Jeff Flynt

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dantine at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Stan Kaczmarek to approve. Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of July 22, 2019.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Deslauriers to approve. Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Comments from the Public. None.

Land Conservation Department

1. Budget Status Financial Report for June 30, 2019 – Unaudited.

County Conservationist Mike Mushinski informed both expenses and revenue are very close to where they should be and there are no concerns.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Directors Report.

a. Participation Request - Phosphorous Multi-Discharger Variance.

Mushinski reported this is the third year he is bringing this forward to the Subcommittee for overview. This is the phosphorous multi-discharger variance for the county. He explained as point sources choose their future phosphorous reductions they can choose this multi-discharger variance so instead of doing their upgrades right away they can choose to buy into this variance at \$50 a pound. Mushinski said so far they don't have any dollars. At one time it was anticipated the county would get a lot of money from this, but now it is looking that for next year the potential is to get about \$10,000. Municipalities are not choosing this a lot locally so the county is not seeing a lot of money coming to the discharger variance. Mushinski still feels it is good to apply to see if anyone is going to choose the variance. He needs the Subcommittee to approve forwarding this on to the County Executive. Mushinski noted there are three years to use the funds so once funds would come in there would be time to plan where to use them. More than likely they would go into the upper east or lower east Bower Creek area.

Supervisor Deslauriers asked specifically what the funds would be used for. Mushinski said it is likely they would be used for waterways or detention ponds – some sort of a sediment phosphorous control on farms. He said

65% has to go to construction of projects and the remaining 35% can go to staff, but since we are getting so little money, it is likely it would all be put into projects.

Motion made by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Supervisor Tran to approve. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Water Quality Task Force August 28 – UWGB.

Mushinski provided a copy of the agenda for the speaker's task force on water quality which is scheduled for August 28, 2019 at 12:30 pm at the Weidner Center. The Water Quality Task Force was set up by Robin Voss and the intent is to get around to all parts of the state to get comments and feedback on water quality in Wisconsin. There are 15 state legislators on the committee and all of the speakers on the agenda have been invited to take part. Mushinski said there may be some demo farm representation and he will also be there along with Troy Streckenbach. He invited anyone interested in commenting about water quality in Wisconsin to attend.

Mushinski also informed on Thursday they are having a water day. They are taking 20+ producers on a boat on the Fox River and they will talk about water quality of the Fox River and Green Bay. Port and Solid Waste Director Dean Haen will be involved as will Assistant Park Director Matt Kriese and some fisherman. This event is to look at what is being done of the farms and everyone's impact on the water quality and to get people to look at it from a different perspective. A media event will follow the boat tour and Mushinski hopes to get some good coverage.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Tran to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other

3. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.

Citizen Representative Stan Kaczmarek provided a brief itinerary of the next meeting, a copy of which attached. The plan is to meet at the Pittsfield Town Hall, 4862 Kunesh Road, Green Bay at 4:00 pm and then go to the Kaczmarek farm for a tour. He said he is putting in a cover crop plot of different kinds of cover crops and he has also done a ditch project he would like the Subcommittee to see. Finally, he will have a rainfall simulator there and they will pour some water on areas where they have been doing no tilling and cover crops to see what runs off. This is interesting and ties in with water quality and conservation. He also has some fields where they did no tilling and he can explain what that is all about. Following the tour of the farm, the Subcommittee will go back to the Pittsfield Town Hall for a tour and then the Land Con meeting will start after that, followed by PD&T.

4. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Supervisor Tran to adjourn at 6:13 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Administrative Specialist

PUBLIC HEARING

Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality

The committee will hold a public hearing on the following items at the time specified below:

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

12:30 PM

Weidner Center

Fort Howard Hall

2420 Nicolet Dr.

Green Bay, WI 54311

Wisconsin Wetlands Association

Tracy Hames - Executive Director, Kyle Magyera - Local Government Outreach Specialist

Brown and Kewaunee Counties

Mike Mushinski - Brown County Conservationist, Troy Streckenbach - Brown County Executive, Davina Bonness - Kewaunee County Conservationist, Lee Luft - Kewaunee County Board/Land Conservation Committee Member

Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance

Jessica Schultz - Executive Director

Alliance for the Great Lakes

Todd Brennan - Senior Policy Director

Wisconsin Realtors Association

Gary Kaster - Coldwell Banker - The Real Estate Group, Green Bay

Invited testimony will begin at 12:30PM and is expected to conclude at approximately 3:30PM.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to testify at the conclusion of the invited testimony.

State Representative Todd Novak
Chair

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Brief Itinerary: September 23, 2019

4:00 Pm Meet at Town Hall

4:10 PM to 5:20 Pm Tour of Kaczmarek Farm

5:20 Pm to 5:30 travel Back to town hall

5:30 Pm to 5:50 Pm tour new community center

6:00 Pm Land con call to order and PD &T to follow

9:00 Pm - 9:15 Pm Adjourn